

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1034

By Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Paula Gilbert Henderson upon her selection as a 2008 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2008, the American Lung Association of Tennessee, in conjunction with Belk, will present the 23rd Annual Women of Distinction Awards, designating Paula Gilbert Henderson as a 2008 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, a long-standing Chattanooga tradition, the Woman of Distinction Awards are granted to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional career accomplishments and their dedication to the community through their numerous and valuable civic and philanthropic endeavors; the honorees are selected from community nominations; and

WHEREAS, in her professional career, Paula Henderson worked assiduously as a catering manager at the Read House, a marketing professional for McDonald's franchises, and an administrative assistant with Signal Group; in addition, she rendered ten years of sterling service as an employee of Merrill Lynch; and

WHEREAS, during those illustrious years, Mrs. Henderson lent her time, talents, and leadership acumen to those noble causes closest to her heart, serving as chapter president and a Woman of the Year for the American Business Women's Association and as a trades and industry campaign captain for the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, since retiring, Mrs. Henderson has continued to volunteer for many civic organizations, co-chaired the Mose and Garrison Siskin Society, and served on the Star Night

and Styleworks fundraisers; she sits on the boards of the Chattanooga Theatre Centre, Houston Museum of Decorative Arts, and Walden Club; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Paula Henderson is most grateful to share both love and companionship with her husband, Carl Henderson, and her three stepsons; and

WHEREAS, Paula Henderson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Paula Henderson, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Paula Gilbert Henderson upon being named as a 2008 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit and extending to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.